

Remarks

Claims 1-8 are now in this case. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

Submission of formal drawings is deferred until such time as this case is allowed.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In particular, the Office Action indicated that the term "during" was indefinite. Applicants have replaced the term "during" with the term "within" in claims 1 and 3 to more clearly claim the invention.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Willenegger et al. (US Patent 5,933,781). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 require

transmitting power control information for a first channel within a portion of a first segment of a pilot channel and transmitting power control information for a second channel within a corresponding portion of a second segment of the pilot channel.

Willenegger neither discloses nor suggests the above limitations. Willenegger simply discloses using a reverse link power control command to determine whether an increase or decrease command has been received and whether that command is directed towards a specific reverse link channel or towards the set of reverse link channels. The reverse link power control command may be related to the traffic channel, the entire reverse link signal or the pilot channel. (Willenegger, column 4, lines 47-65.) This reference discusses power control but neither discloses nor suggests the above-mentioned limitations contained in claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 are patentable over Willenegger under 35 USC 102(e).

Respectfully,



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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

Amended Claim 1:

1. A method for communicating power control information for at least two communication channels, comprising the steps of:

transmitting power control information for a first channel [during] within a portion of a first segment of a pilot channel, the first segment being one of a plurality of repeating segments; and

transmitting power control information for a second channel [during] within a corresponding portion of a second segment of the pilot channel, the second segment being one of the plurality of repeating segments.

Amended Claim 3:

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting power control information for a third channel [during] within a corresponding portion of a third segment of the pilot channel, the third segment being one of the plurality of repeating segments.